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Dear Sir,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
results of value for money audits (Report No. 46)**

Chapter 1 – Collection of fines imposed by Magistrates' Courts

Thank you for your letter of 17 May 2006 addressed to the Director of Immigration. I am authorized to reply on his behalf.

Our view is sought as to how the Immigration Department (ImmD) is going to assist in implementing the audit recommendation relating to collection of fines imposed by Magistrates' Courts. I wish to reiterate that ImmD is prepared, upon request of the Police, to intercept payment defaulters of serious cases at control points and quickly hand them over to the Police. Alternatively, ImmD is also prepared to accept legislative amendments to the prescribed Form 29 [warrant for apprehension issued under Section 101A(1)(b) of the Magistrates Ordinance, Cap. 227] to have the apprehension power extended to immigration officers at control points for handing over to police officers for follow-up action.

Yours Truly,

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